

Attorney Docket No. 2185.004USU
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Serial No. 10/695,429
Response to Office Communication of September 27, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 and 36-38 are pending.

Examiner Interview. The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the helpful discussion held on October 11, 2005 with Applicant's representative. In the interview, the Examiner noted that there were no Figures 23 and 24 included in the application, although a reference to these figures was made. The Amendments to the Specification address this issue.

Also in the Interview, the Examiner indicated that the reason that it was stated that no claims are generic was this problem with the figures. However, the Examiner believed that absent this problem, there were generic claims. The Applicant has indicated claims believed to be generic on page 3.

Election of species. The Examiner has indicated that Species XI includes Figures 4, 6, 8-10, 13, 14, and 19-22. Figure 5 is an exploded view of Figure 4. Therefore, Figure 5 should also be included in this species. Additionally, Figures 15 and 16 are side views of the rail assembly of Fig. 8. Therefore, Figures 15 and 16 should also be included in this species.

Amendment to the Specification. The specification has been amended at page 14 to remove reference to Figures 23 and 24, which were said to show a foldable cutting board. This feature is illustrated in Figure 18. The specification has been appropriately amended.

Extension of Term. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. If any extension and/or fee is required, please charge Account No. 23-2053.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to give early and favorable consideration to this Response, and then to allow the claims and forward the application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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